

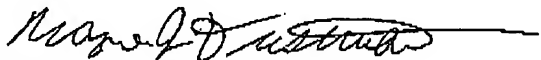
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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended the undersigned attorney during the telephonic conversation which took place on September 9, 2003. In applicable part, the Examiner suggested changing the phrase "provided that the excipients include at least one of;" in claims 20 and 21 to —provided that the excipients consist of—. The undersigned attorney indicated that the phrase "consist of" may be too limiting in that the claim may be construed as being directed to a process that utilized only the listed excipients (i.e. sodium starch glycollate, dicalcium phosphate and magnesium stearate). The undersigned attorney suggested that the subject claims be amended to read —provided that the excipients include— so that the process must utilize sodium starch glycollate, dicalcium phosphate and magnesium stearate and can further utilize additional pharmaceutically acceptable excipients. In view of this conversation favorable consideration of the process claims, as amended herein, is respectfully requested.

Applicants contend that the above claims, as amended, are allowable. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of the this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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